

## **Technical Workgroup Progress Report**

April 3, 2007

As of today, the Technical Workgroup has met all required objectives in accordance with our assigned list of tasks. The Technical Workgroup has held weekly conference calls to discuss issues and submitted comments surrounding the RFI, e-prescribing, developed a high-level C.A.R.E. Link diagram, completed the survey of Alabama health information technology use using eHI Organization Assessment Tool (OAT) through Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc., and submitted a middleware Enterprise Service Bus (EBS) on how the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of Alabama see it's role in this project.

Major concerns continue to exist with what level of e-prescribing as presented by members of the Technical Workgroup will be housed in the first phase of this project, lack of clearly defined business rules that will drive this system from the other workgroups, State laws involving equipment and software purchasing issues surround this project, private entities usages of State purchased equipment, connectivity to State services and private entities within this short time frame with this level of involvement in implementing this project by March 2008, and the lack of policy information for designing the technical aspects on who will house this project for recurring cost once the grant funds are gone.

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